

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS OF AIR INDIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether Air India's track record of safety and punctuality is getting worse day by day, as is evident from the report published in The Hindu, dated October 16, 2006 and The Asian Age, dated October 17, 2006 ;
- (b) If so, the facts thereof ;
- (c) The reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (d) The steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b) : The performance of an airline is expressed in terms of dispatch reliability i.e. total number of revenue flight planned minus total number of delays & technical incidents causing delays by total number of revenue flight expressed as percentage. The dispatch reliability of total fleet of aircraft of Air India during the last six months is 97.07%.

(c) and (d): The aircraft operated by Air India are subjected to continued airworthiness maintenance programme given by the Aircraft manufacturers which are approved by DGCA. Air India has approved in house quality system and the activities of the Air India are regularly monitored by DGCA through spot checks and surveillance checks. Further, the Government have approved the proposal to purchase 68 new Boeing aircraft by Air India Limited

(50 aircraft for Air India Limited and 18 aircraft for Air India Charters Limited). These new aircraft are scheduled to be delivered over November 2006 to February 2012. This is expected to substantially reduce the delays and improve the technical dispatch reliability of Air India's operations.